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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PINT, AO, PO

SUBJECT: CINC DEPARTS; ALVES IN CHARGE; RUMORS CONTINUE OF  
UNREST AMONG MIDDLE RANKS

1. CINC OF ANGOLAN ARMED FORCES GENERAL LUZ CUNHA DEPARTED BY  
LUANDA 0900 MARCH 19 TO ASSUME DUTIES AS NEW COS OF PORTUGUESE  
ARMED FORCES IN LISBON VICE OUSTED GENERAL COSTA GOMES. ENTIRE  
CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP INCLUDING GOVGEN AT AIRPORT TO  
SEE HIM OFF. LUZ CUNHA'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT LIMITED TO BANAL-  
ITIES, DEVOTION TO ANGOLA, ETC.  
(IN PRIVATE ASIDE TO CLUSTER OF CONSULS, HE GENIALLY SUGGESTED  
THAT SINCE WE ALWAYS SO EAGER TO VISIT BATTLE ZONES WE SHOULD  
ACCOMPANY HIM TO LISBON.)

2. ANGOLAN ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL RAFAEL ALVESS APPOINTED ACTING  
CINC HERE. RUMOR CIRCULATING THAT LUZ CUNHA INTENDS TO CONFIRM  
HIM IN JOB (EVEN THOUGH ALVES IS STONE DEAF AND GIVES UN-  
FORTUNATE IMPRESSION HE BECOMING SLIGHTLY SENILE).

3. SENIOR MILITARY CONTACTS AT DEPARTURE CEREMONY WOULD NOT  
CONFIRM (NOR DENY) REPORT ORIGINATING WITH MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS  
THAT SOME 100 OF THEIR RANKS SUMMARILY EVACUATED TO METROPOLE ON  
REGULAR TAP EVENING FLIGHTS LAST SATURDAY, BUMPING REGULAR  
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PASSENGERS. PRESUMPTION IS THEY WERE "SPINOLISTAS." COMMENT:

EVEN IF REPORT IS COMPLETE FABRICATION WHERE IT ORIGINATED  
WOULD INDICATE CONTINUING TENSION AMONG MIDDLE GRADES, UNDER  
CALM SURFACE.  
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